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REMARKS

An Official Action mailed February 23, 2005 allowed claims 22-28, rejected claims 29-33 and 35-40, and objected to claim 34. Applicant thanks Examiner for examination.

In response, the claims have been amended as indicated above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Official Action rejected claims 29-33 and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by NIST Special Publication 800-19: Mobile Agent Security by Jansen et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. With respect to independent claims 29 and 36, Applicant has incorporated limitations similar to those of allowed claim 1 (i.e., included a centralized security enforcement node). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 29 and 36 and related dependent claims (i.e., claims 30-33, 35 and 37-40) are allowable over Jansen for at least the same reasons as allowed claim 1.

The Official Action objected to claim 34 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Since the base claim (i.e., claim 29) is allowable as discussed, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 34 should no longer be objected to.

In summary, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 29-40. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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